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53,636 hours of donated service greatly expanded City of Carlsbad services last year. Thank you, volunteers!

Carlsbad Community Volunteers • April 2008

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Area code 760 unless otherwise noted.



Happy Birthday, Hosp Grove

Join us as we celebrate the first 100 years of Hosp Grove by planting trees, pruning brush, and picking up litter Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. First 200 volunteers receive a free, commemorative "Beautify the Grove" T-shirt. Event parking will be located at the south end of the Westfield Shoppingtown Plaza Camino Real at the corner of Marron Road and Monroe Street. Participants are asked to wear closed-toe shoes and bring work gloves, hats, and shovels, if possible. Children aged 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In the case of heavy rain, the event will be canceled. For more information, call 434-2929.

Carlsbad Loves Kids

Volunteers are needed to help Carlsbad create a great event for children. On Saturday, April 19, volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to help out at the carnival games, rock wall, bounce house and more. Contact Natalie at naleg@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-7511.

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Join the staff at the **Employee Appreciation Picnic**

**Thursday, April 17
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

In the park across from
1635 Faraday Avenue

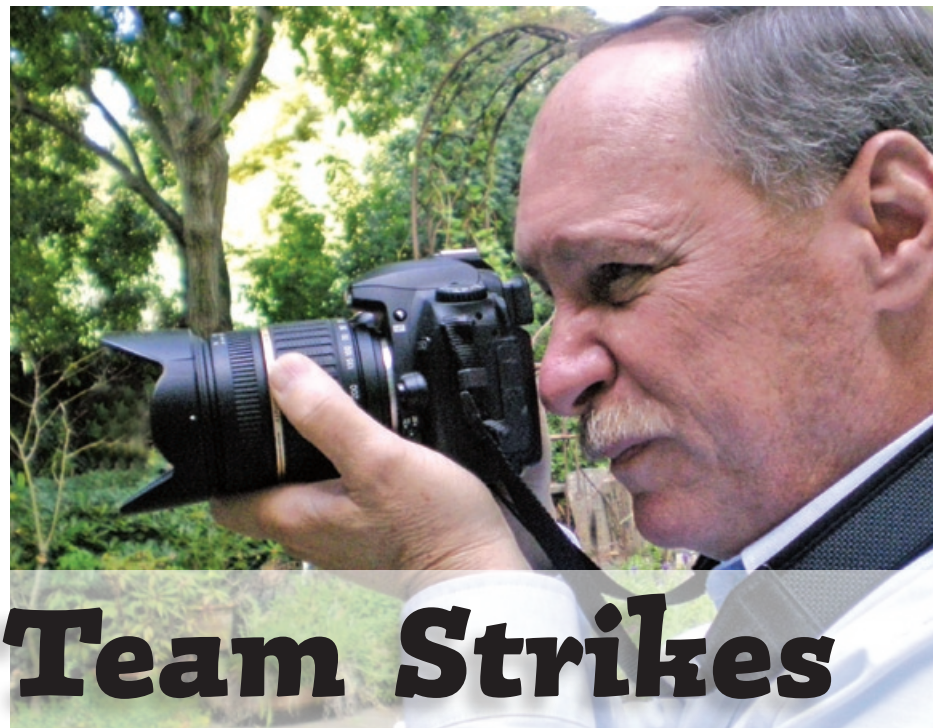


SPECIAL VOLUNTEER ACTION TEAM

SVAT Team Strikes

Fred Gates can now add an unusual title to his resume: SVAT team member. While inclusion in Carlsbad's newly formed Special Action Volunteer Team (SVAT) doesn't require him to carry a weapon, he is heavily armed - with a camera and a lot of know-how.

As a SVAT member, he joins fellow experts who have agreed to be on-call for project-based assignments involving their area of expertise. Fred is asked to go all over Carlsbad to take photos.



"I get a lot of 'quick-turnaround' assignments," divulges Fred. "My experience as a photojournalist with the San Diego Union Tribune was excellent training ground for this." In addition to photography, Fred's community relations background was called upon recently when he became part of a PR team made up of SVAT Team members who designed a marketing plan to launch the www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net Web site.

Other volunteers have offered an amazing array of skills and

talents that have landed them a spot on Carlsbad's SVAT team:

- Graphic Artist
- Grant Writing
- Environmental Report Writing
- Event Planning
- Hazardous Waste Manager

"Some volunteers want to use their professional skills on a project-by-project basis. In Carlsbad we try to harvest that rich array of available talents to enhance the services we can offer the community," explained Carlsbad's Community Volunteer Coordinator Sue Irely.

"The nearest way to glory - a shortcut, as it were - is to strive to be what you wish to be thought to be." Socrates, quoted in Cicero

Reliability Distinguishes Trio

For more than a year now, Karen, Sean and Jimmy have trekked to the Carlsbad Senior Center Monday through Friday mornings to set tables and serve lunch to as many as 125 diners. This trio arrives with their Resource Counselor, Kellie Wilde from Community Interface Services, a non-profit organization in Carlsbad that provides vocational training for people with developmental disabilities. What makes this group so remarkable?



Jimmy Hodnett and Karen Pearl work together to set up for lunch.

- They're volunteers
- They can't wait to get to "work"
- They haven't missed a day

The consistency of going to work every day, knowing her job, and wearing a uniform resonates well with Karen, who used to sleep through most of the morning. Sean catches many by surprise with his amazing memory, and everybody

loves Jimmy, especially the piano player. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the piano player at the Senior Center treats the crowd to "You Are My Sunshine." Don't tell the others – she's playing it for Jimmy!



Sean Thibeaux enjoys helping out at the Senior Center.

CARLSBAD NEWS FOR YOU

Upcoming Vacancies: Boards and Commissions

The City of Carlsbad is inviting applications from Carlsbad residents interested in serving on Council-appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees. Some terms will be filled by current appointees.

- **Buena Vista Joint Powers Committee:** One term expires in November 2008.
- **Beach Preservation Committee:** Two terms expire in June 2008 and one in July 2008
- **Design Review Board:** One term expires in October 2008
- **Library Board of Trustees:** Two terms expire in June 2008
- **Parks and Recreation Commission:** Two terms expire in August 2008
- **Senior Commission:** One term expires in September 2008
- **Sister City Committee:** Three terms expire in April 2008
- **Traffic Safety Commission:** Three terms expire in July 2008

To receive an application including a list of qualifications, contact the City Clerk's Office at 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, call 434-2808, or e-mail Clerk@ci.carlsbad.ca.us

Honors

The Carlsbad Village Redevelopment Master Plan and Design Manual was selected as the winner of WALKSanDiego's 2008 Golden Footprint Award, Project Category. WALKSanDiego is a regional, grassroots organization dedicated to making neighborhoods more walkable.

Recreation Department: Cooking Class Offered this May

Swimsuit Ready Dishes! This workshop will be semi-demo and semi-hands-on, where you will learn how to create some really great snacks and dishes that will help with your waistline. You will learn tips for shopping, prepping and cooking with portion control, health and wellness in mind. Saturday, May 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident. For more information or to register, call 602-7510 or visit www.CarlsbadConnect.org

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Triathlon

Save the date for the biggest volunteer opportunity of the year in Carlsbad! The Carlsbad Triathlon and Health Expo will take place on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Go to www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.NET and look at the right-side bar to see some of the over 20 available positions.

National Trails Day

A mountain biking and hiking event in the Calavera Hills area will focus on trail safety to celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 7. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to help set up and to assist as young hikers and bikers put together safety packs and adults create first aid kits suitable for the trail. Contact Natalie at naleg@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-7511.

Senior Center Fitness Room

We need volunteers to check-in those using the expanded rooms at the Senior Center, including the new fitness room. We also need those with experience on exercise machines to assist users right in the fitness room. If interested, contact Sue at sirey@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 434-2929.



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